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PALMS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
Joint Board and Executive Committee Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, April 24 – 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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3690 Motor Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90034

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The Neighborhood Council system enables meaningful civic participation for all Angelenos and serves as a voice for improving government responsiveness to local communities and their needs. We are an advisory body to the City of Los Angeles, comprised of stakeholder volunteers who are devoted to the mission of improving our communities.

- I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**
 - a. Call to Order
 - b. Roll Call
- II. INTRODUCTIONS**
 - a. Introductions and welcome
- III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**
 - a. Limited to non-agenda items
- IV. COMMITTEE BUSINESS**
 - a. DISCUSSION Committee member updates

- b. Youth Representative Report
- c. Treasurer Report
 - i. DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE MOTION How much money is left for this fiscal year after subtracting known expenses?
 - a. Congress of Neighborhoods \$2000
 - b. Neighborhood Council Budget Day \$2000
 - c. Palms Middle School teachers lounge \$4201.98
 - d. Hootsuite \$1200
 - e. Mixer \$1000
 - f. \$100 for office supplies
 - g. \$8000 for street banners
 - h. T shirts \$1200 (\$600 deposit made)
 - i. Anything else?
- d. Open board positions
 - i. Business Representative
- e. MOTION to reimburse Kay Hartman \$14.78 for Family Game Day water
- f. MOTION to approve an [NPG](#) from Palms Middle School for \$4201.98 to improve teacher's lounge
 - i. \$4201.98 represents half the ask. This NPG is being split with Mar Vista CC.
 - ii. [Cost breakdown](#)
- g. DISCUSSION on issues for discussion for Councilmember Yaroslavsky's May 20 president's roundtable
 - i. Request is for 3
 - ii. Implement our Community Plan requests including planting trees in the ground, native trees, limiting subterranean structures, increased density on Venice Blvd
 - iii. Sidewalk repair/wheelchair ramps
 - iv. Traffic calming measures like synchronized lights and traffic circles
 - v. Bus platforms on Venice
 - vi. Park on Venice
 - vii. Making a park from the Palms MS field when the school is not using it
 - viii. The City does not honor its own biodiversity guidelines
 - ix. Tree removal process is not collaborative
 - x. Return our \$5000
 - xi. Neighborhood Council funding
- h. DISCUSSION on issues for discussion for Commissioner Erving's April 30 president's roundtable
 - i. Should be BONC/DONE/City Clerk related
 - ii. City Clerk is capricious and arbitrary

- iii. DONE should be the CLA for the NCs. They should be supporters, not enforcers.
- iv. DONE and BONC should do things with NCs and not to NCs
- v. BONC should lobby for the City Council and committees to give NCs with CISs 5 minutes to talk and not keep NCs in the queue for a one minute general comment.
- vi. BONC should lobby to allow NCs to present CISs to the City Council even if the item was heard by committee.
- vii. BONC should lobby the City Council to take comments via telephone so NCs, most of whose members work for a living, can participate
- viii. BONC should work to create a formal system for alliances, their creation, their destruction, and their funding
- ix. BONC should lobby the City Council for money for the City Clerk to run NC elections. It is a conflict of interest for NCs to have to find people to run against them.
- x. BONC should lobby the City Attorney to allow Neighborhood Councils to represent their neighborhoods to the County, State, and Federal governments. The existing prohibition is ridiculous. NCs can't even talk to Metro about public transportation issues that impact their neighborhoods.
- xi. BONC should lobby the City government to provide a way for NCs to track the status of issues impacting their constituents. Having to go through the City Council is inefficient.
- i. DISCUSSION on the March 16, 2025 election
 - i. Comments on the [elections handbook](#) are due May 5
 - ii. We need an ad hoc elections committee
- j. DISCUSSION on the next retreat
- k. DISCUSSION on Tea Time With the President
- l. DISCUSSION on Community Day
 - i. September 14 this year. Is this a sustainable time of year?
 - ii. Vendors and entertainers
 - iii. Outreach
- m. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION on Palms Community Weekend
- n. DISCUSSION on Committees
 - i. Business Relations and Public Beautification
 - ii. Green
 - iii. Committee on Homelessness
 - iv. Outreach
 - v. Planning and Land Use Management
 - vi. Renter Support and Affordable Housing Advocacy
 - vii. Transportation and Infrastructure
 - viii. Ad Hoc Bylaws

ix. Ad Hoc Elections

V. Adjournment:

- a. Next meeting is scheduled for May 22, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
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